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NATIONAL URBAN TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT FUND
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tenth Plan has suggested setting up of a national urban transport development fund with an initial corpus of Rs.3,000 crore;

(b) if so, whether an equal amount is to be raised through taxes and cesses taking the total amount available to Rs.6,000 crore;

(c) if so, the primary aim of this fund;

(d) whether the plan document calls for city-wise specific projects for rail-based urban transport systems together with funds requirement; and

(e) if so, the extent to which this suggestion has been accepted by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNA)

(a)&(b): 10th Plan document has suggested setting up of a National Urban Transport Development Fund (NUTDF) with æseed money allocation of Rs.3000 crore and raising of an equal amount through taxes/cesses taking the total amount available to Rs. 6000 crore.

(c): This fund would be the prime mover for making Urban Rail Based Transport System a reality in cities.

(d)&(e): 10th Plan document has suggested that city-wise specific projects for Rail Based Urban Transport System together with funds requirement for them need to be identified. This suggestion needs to be examined in consultation with the State Governments as Urban Transport is the primary responsibility of the State Governments.